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SUBJECT: ECOSOC ELECTIONS

REF: A) TOKYO 14394; B) STATE 244879

1. FOR TOKYO: AS NOTED REF B, US HAS DECIDED THAT IF
ASIAN GROUP CAN NOT AGREE ON CANDIDATES TO ENDORSE FOR
ECOSOC ELECTION US WILL VOTE FOR JAPAN AS WELL AS INDIA
AND PAKISTAN. IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH REPORTED REF A,
EMBASSY CAN ASSURE FONOFF THAT US IS AWARE OF IMPORTANCE
GOJ PLACES UPON MEMBERSHIP IN ECOSOC, ITS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO COUNCIL'S WORK AND INTIMATE INVOLVEMENT IN ISSUES
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FACING ECOSOC IN NEXT THREE YEARS. JAPAN AND US OFTEN

SHARE COMMON APPROACH AND COOPERATE IN WORK OF ECOSOC AS ELSEWHERE IN UN SYSTEM. CONSCIOUS OF OUR MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE ROLES, US HOPES FOR CONTINUED JAPANESE MEMBERSHIP ON ECOSOC, AND WILL VOTE FOR JAPAN IF SHE IS ENDORSED BY ASIAN GROUP OR IF ASIAN GROUP FAILS TO AGREE ON WHICH CANDIDATES TO ENDORSE. USUN SO INFORMING JAPANESE IN NEW YORK.

2. ECOSOC ELECTIONS, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOV 7, NOW POSTPONED ACCORDING USUN TO PERMIT ASIAN GROUP TIME FOR FURTHER EFFORT REACH AGREEMENT ON REGIONAL CHOICE FOR THREE REMAINING ASIAN SEATS (CHINA HAS ASIAN GROUP ENDORSEMENT FOR ONE SEAT). WHILE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

CONTAINED STATE REFTEL REMAINS VALID IF ASIAN GROUP CONTINUES UNABLE REACH ANY AGREEMENT, INSTRUCTION WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT HOLD IF ASIAN GROUP PRESENTS AGREED SLATE OF CANDIDATES DIFFERING FROM THOSE MENTIONED STATE REFTEL SINCE IT NORMAL AND WELL-KNOWN US PRACTICE BE GUIDED BY REGIONAL PREFERENCES IN DETERMINING HOW IT WILL VOTE IN ELECTIONS TO UN BODIES. (DEPT ASSUMES THAT ON BASIS PAST UN PRACTICE IF ASIAN GROUP AGREES TO ENDORSE FULL SLATE WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE JAPAN, JAPAN WILL WITHDRAW ITS CANDIDACY.) MAW

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